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Location

Taverner Street NE cnr Fisken Street MADDINGLEY, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

A large brick four-storey chicory kiln, built in 1885 with a famous "Dr Morse's Indian Root Pills" painted advertising sign on one side.

It is of state historic significance as the relatively rare and intact embodiment of the industrial process, hop roasting and its methods.

On the other hand, it is also of state historical significance as the relatively rare pioneering evidence of an agricultural practice, hop farming. It is the largest and most substantial hop kiln in Victoria. Other than the Mossface kilns which are timber, it is the earliest known physical evidence of hop farming in Victoria .

The "Dr Morse" painted sign once common in Victoria is now rare. It has state architectural significance as a rare and intact survival of a building element type.

Finally, the building and its sign, which are visible from the railway line and roads, have social significance as a local landmark and by the community for orientation and illustrated in representative views including postcards.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Architect/Designer	Pearce, TG,
Hermes Number	117040
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Fair only. It needs weatherproofing and repair. Tie rods on the east and west sides at level three, have sprung. The sign needs a porous coating to protect it. It is said that there are plans to repaint the sign, which should be resisted strongly.⁴

⁴ Mrs Vallence (who bought this land in the 1940s, the sixth generation of this family in Bacchus Marsh, they were earlier on the south side of Tavemer Street) said that Mr Reed of Rotary is considering the repainting. Conversation with RP on 7 January 1994. NT FN 4295.

Intactness

Reasonable

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:
FORM. ROOF FORM. USE. PAINTWORK SCHEME. UJII'PAINTED FINISH. STREET FURNITURE . SCENIC VALUE. AGRICULTURAL PLANTING.

Physical Description 1

A four -storey brick former hop kiln, with a square plan.

Surmounting the hip roof is a corrugated iron cylindrical flue, with a weather vane.

Brickwork is colonial bond and there are two tie rods with cast iron plates at half-height and nine at three quarters height on each side. On the west side is a parapet wall. There are two openings on the south side for loading, facing the road, at levels three and four and at levels one and four on the west side, with segmental head brick arches, where there is a door. On the south side is a large painted sign, over painted at least once, with the legend "Dr Morse's Indian Root Pills For The Liver" . The north side is not visible. Adjacent is a large operating orchard, at the north-east corner of Fisken Street.

The cylindrical flue has probably been made from a water tank. It demonstrates the need to control ventilation during the roasting process. Beams projecting from western wall indicate internal floor levels and may have been

part of an adjoining structure while structures have been removed from the eastern face also. The tie rods possibly counteract the effects of the heating process, during roasting. The west wall parapet, formerly acted as a common wall to a two storeyed addition. The removed eastern building appears to have been single storeyed.

Historical Australian Themes

Industry/agriculture

Usage/Former Usage

USE: Store')

PREVIOUS USE: Chicory Kiln. Advertising sign.

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